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BOROUGH OF MORECAMBE AND HEYSHAM

R E P O R T on PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

DURING THE

Y E A R ended 31st DECEMBER, 1955.



Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Morecambe and Heysham.

PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Appointment Nature of	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
W.F. LYLE	Medical Officer of Health	1938	M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H.	Medical Officer to Port Health Authority

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health: Public Health Department, Town Hall, Morecambe and Heysham. Tele: Morecambe 720.

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector	
Foreign Ports	145	594,796	-	107	Nil
Coastwise	1142	1,003,772	-	-	-
Total	1287	1,598,568	-	107	-

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic:	Number of passengers INWARDS	196,487
	Number of passengers OUTWARDS	191,004

In addition, during the month of August 10,098 passengers were transported on day trips to Douglas, I.O.M.

Cargo Traffic: Principal IMPORTS: Cottons, Linens, Tobacco and Sundry Merchandise.

+		Total Imports
	Ex Belfast (Coastwise)	79130 tons
	Ex Londonderry (Coastwise)	4976 "
	Oil ex Tankers (Foreign)	1404754 "

Principal EXPORTS: Sundry Merchandise and Chemical Fertilisers.

+ Oil imports are from Ports around Suez, the Persian Gulf and North Africa.

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1901

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		<u>Goods Cargo</u> Tons	<u>Bunker Coal</u> Tons	<u>Total Exports</u> Tons
To Belfast	(Coastwise)	145268	50503	195771
To Londonderry	(Coastwise)	16447	69	16516
Oil	(Coastwise)	687630		687630
Others			123	123

Livestock - Imports and Exports

Imports:

	<u>Horses</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Others</u>
Ex Belfast	443	36459	43216	23258	36
Ex Londonderry	56	5648	35675	3109	2

Exports:

To Belfast	38	46	110	39	3
To Londonderry	-	-	-	-	-

Principal Ports from which ships arrive: Belfast, Londonderry and ports around Suez and Persian Gulf.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic.

Nil

SECTION V - Water Supply.

- Source of supply for (a) the district (b) shipping.
Town supply for both.
- Reports of tests for contamination.
Bacteriological and chemical satisfactory.
- Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.
Usual.
- Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the
None employed. (Authority.)

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

- List of infected areas (Regulation 6).

Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure for supplying it to those persons.

Weekly copy from the Ministry forwarded direct to Waterguard Office for Customs Officers and copy retained by Medical Officer.

- Radio Messages.

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. (Regulation 13).

Not ordinarily needed but arrangements have been made for messages to be given immediately by Railway Executive and Shipping Agents to Waterguard Office.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships for acting thereon. (Regulation 14 (1) and (2)).

See notes to (a) above.

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3. Notifications otherwise than by radio (Regulation 14 (1)(b)).

Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon.

This is usually received by the Customs Officer and handed later to the Sanitary Authority.

4. Mooring Stations (Regulations 22 to 30).

Situation of stations, any standing directions issued under these Regulations.

- (a) Inner Moorings - for cases of smallpox and typhus (Easterly end of North Side.)
- (b) Outer Moorings - for cases of cholera, yellow fever and plague (at Lune Deeps.)

Standing exemptions.

- (a) All ordinary notifiable infectious diseases other than those specified above.
- (b) Ships otherwise clean, which have arrived from a listed port in an infected area.

5. Arrangements for

- (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (other than smallpox - (See Section VII)).

An infectious disease hospital at Lancaster is available for all cases except smallpox. For smallpox cases the Regional Hospital Board will make arrangements.

- (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts.

Contacts requiring to be kept under surveillance would be kept on board or accommodated at hospital.

- (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

A steam disinfecter is provided for bedding and clothing. Appliances and materials are available for the disinfecting of ships and this would be carried out by the Health Department staff.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX.

- 1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Regional Hospital Board will make arrangements.

- 2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

A special motor ambulance is available with attendants.

- 3. Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available.

Dr. R.W. Farquhar, Divisional Health Officer, Lancaster.

- 4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

Submitted to pathologists ordinarily employed by the Public Health Authority. Usually the Pathologist attached to the Royal Infirmary, Lancaster.

with a view to the establishment of a permanent

committee to consider the various matters

which may arise in connection with the

proposed scheme.

The committee will be composed of members

of the various societies and of persons

interested in the cause.

The committee will

be empowered to do all such things as may

be necessary for the purpose of carrying

out the objects of the society.

The committee will also have the right

to call upon the members of the society

for assistance in the execution of its

duties.

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SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASES.

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, include in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

No special arrangement for sailors. There is a clinic at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

TABLE D.

Nil return.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

Nil return.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

None needed.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Ships with expired certificates sent to Barrow.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Submitted to pathologists ordinarily employed by the Public Health Authority. Usually the Pathologist attached to the Royal Infirmary, Lancaster.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Not carried out.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Not known.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Nil.

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SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G

Inspection and Notices.

107 vessels boarded - no action necessary.

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948.

Information respecting any shell-fish beds or laying within the jurisdiction of the Authority stating whether they are in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included.

Under the Heysham and Morecambe Bay (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1926, an area of Morecambe Bay was prescribed and any mussels taken from this area must be subjected to an approved process of cleansing or sterilisation before being made available for human consumption. The cleansing process is carried out at Lytham Saint Annes.

No further action under the Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948 has been necessary.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE ONLY TO PORTS APPROVED FOR THE LANDING OF ALIENS).

Nil - Not a port approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious diseases.

Nil.

